

ELEVATOR SAFETY BOARD
Meeting Minutes
August 30, 2017

I. Call to order

Chairperson Kris Kesterson called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. in the conference room at 150 Des Moines Street, Des Moines, Iowa.

II. Roll call

Members present: Kris Kesterson
Wayne Sims
Peggy VandenBerg (via phone)
Justin Carleton (via phone)
Kathleen Uehling
Todd Christensen
Amy Infelt (via phone)

Members absent: Marvin Schumacher and Kerry Dixon

III. Approval of agenda

Mr. Christensen moved to approve the agenda and Mr. Sims seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously.

IV. Approval of minutes from July 12, 2017

Mr. Sims moved to approve the July 12, 2017 minutes. Ms. Uehling seconded the motion and the board approved it unanimously.

V. Item for Action

Petition for variance from the Park Manufacturing Company concerning the controller for the KCRG-TV tower elevator (E2017-180)

Mr. David Elrod and Ms. Nella Stevens of Park Manufacturing Company spoke to the board via conference call. The petitioners explained that the controller is obsolete and can't be replaced with an identical controller. They have manufactured a new controller as a replacement.

Mr. Jim Borwey, Manager of the Elevator Division, stated that the code for special purpose elevators states that the elevator has to be brought up to the current code. He stated that TV towers are unique and this rule is impractical.

Ms. Uehling moved to approve a variance from the hoistway requirement found in 5.7.1 of A17.1 because of undue hardship. Mr. Sims seconded the motion and the board unanimously approved.

VI. Discussion with Steve Ainger, Iowa Department of Administrative Services

(Note: Board member Mr. Justin Carleton left the meeting via phone at 9:08 a.m.)

Labor Commissioner Michael Mauro introduced Mr. Ainger, Classification and Compensation Program Coordinator with the Department of Administrative Services. Mr. Ainger described the process of reviewing job classifications and pay. There are three relevant factors: 1) market price, 2) the score from a job evaluation that consists of 13 factors; and, 3) collective bargaining for the base wages.

Mr. Ainger said that he is reviewing the information and hopes to make his recommendation to upper management at DAS very soon.

He recommended that the board review the job classification description for accuracy as it hasn't been updated since 1983. The board committee on inspector pay will also compare the elevator and electrical inspector job descriptions.

VII. Communications

A variance application from Wilmac Property Company was withdrawn before it was assigned a docket number.

The Boys and Girls Home variance (E2017-178) that was tabled from the previous meeting was withdrawn.

VIII. Report by the Division of Labor

Mr. Borwey stated that an offer to a candidate for the elevator inspector position is pending.

Commissioner Mauro noted that the state auditor is conducting a follow-up to an audit that was conducted seven years ago.

IX. Next meeting dates

- Wednesday, August 30, 2017 at 8:30 a.m., 150 Des Moines Street
- Thursday, November 9, 2017 at 8:30 a.m., 150 Des Moines Street

X. Next meeting agenda

- Notice of Intended Action regarding safety tests on wind tower elevators
- Notice of Intended Action resulting from Rules Review
- Financial Report
- Variance application from TSP
- Report on inspector pay

XI. Public comments

Mr. Gary Briggs asked if the state was turning over inspections to 3rd party inspectors due to the shortage of inspectors. Commissioner Mauro noted that the state welcomes 3rd party inspections.

Mr. Sims noted a near fatality last month in Nebraska. An elevator mechanic was troubleshooting a freight elevator when the car ran with both the hoistway car and gates open.

XII. Adjournment

Mr. Sims moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Uehling seconded the motion. The board approved. The meeting adjourned at 9:58 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ms. Kathleen Uehling